

Property Address	Railroad tracks at Cheltenham, across from Frank Tippet Road, Prince George's County
Owner Name/Address	Vestry of St. Thomas Church, RR Box 3482, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Year Built	circa 1880 to circa 1950

Description:

The Church of the Atonement Cemetery was previously surveyed in 1974 by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. A brief description of the property was provided at that time. The property currently consists of the remains of a foundation, probably from a tower of the former church on the property, approximately 10 modern headstones located to the south of the foundation, and approximately 45 older headstones located 200 feet north of the foundation. The headstones south of the foundation are organized facing east, and are enclosed in a low railing. The headstones date from the 1930s to the present, and include members of the Smith, Townshend, and Duval families.

The headstones located north of the foundation are in an area which has become overgrown with trees and low shrubs. These headstones are older, dating from the 1870s to about the 1950s, and many are in deteriorating condition. Most of the headstones are oriented to the north, and bear the names of several local families, including Morrison, Eversfield, Thomas, Selby, Soper, Robinson, Smallwood, Appell, and Loveless.

Significance:

The cemetery was previously associated with the Church of the Atonement. The church was organized as a parochial mission of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church in Croom in 1871. The church building was frame and was erected in 1874 on three acres of ground which included the cemetery. Dr. J. Thomas Eversfield was appointed lay reader in the parish in 1880. The congregation diminished in the twentieth century, and the building was torn down in the early 1940s. The church and cemetery were located adjacent to the Cheltenham Railroad Station (Sargent 1984, 243).

National Register Evaluation:

The Church of the Atonement Cemetery is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. As a cemetery property, the site would have to meet Criteria Consideration D for cemeteries. It does not meet Criteria Consideration D, as it does not derive its primary significance from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the cemetery lacks a distinctive design and does not represent aesthetic or technological achievement in landscape architecture or mortuary art.

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Bibliography:

Sargent, Jean A. ed. 1984. *Stones and Bones: Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Maryland*. Bowie, Maryland: Prince George's County Genealogical Society, Inc.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility ☐ recommended ☒ not recommended

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☒ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

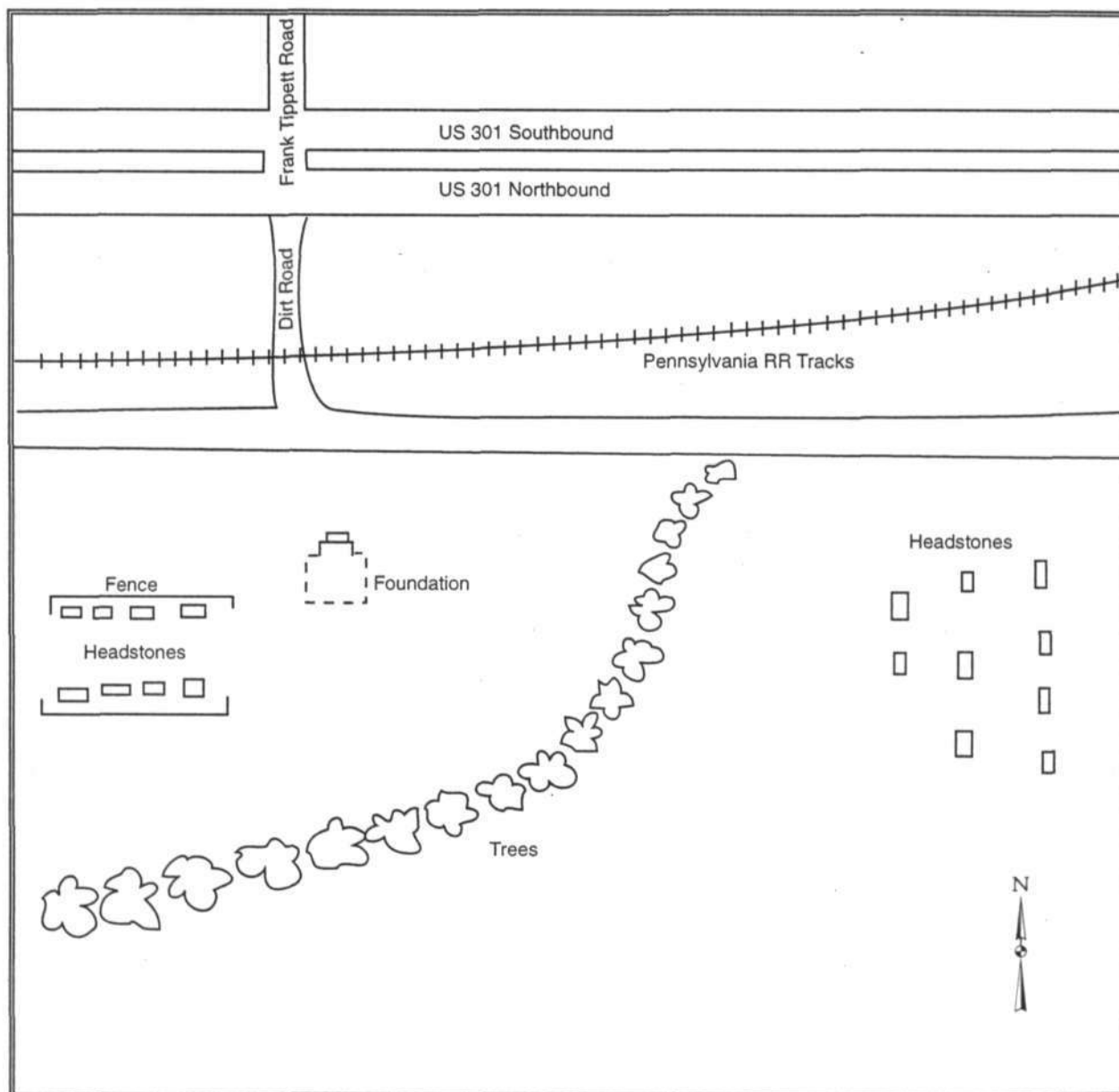
 
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date

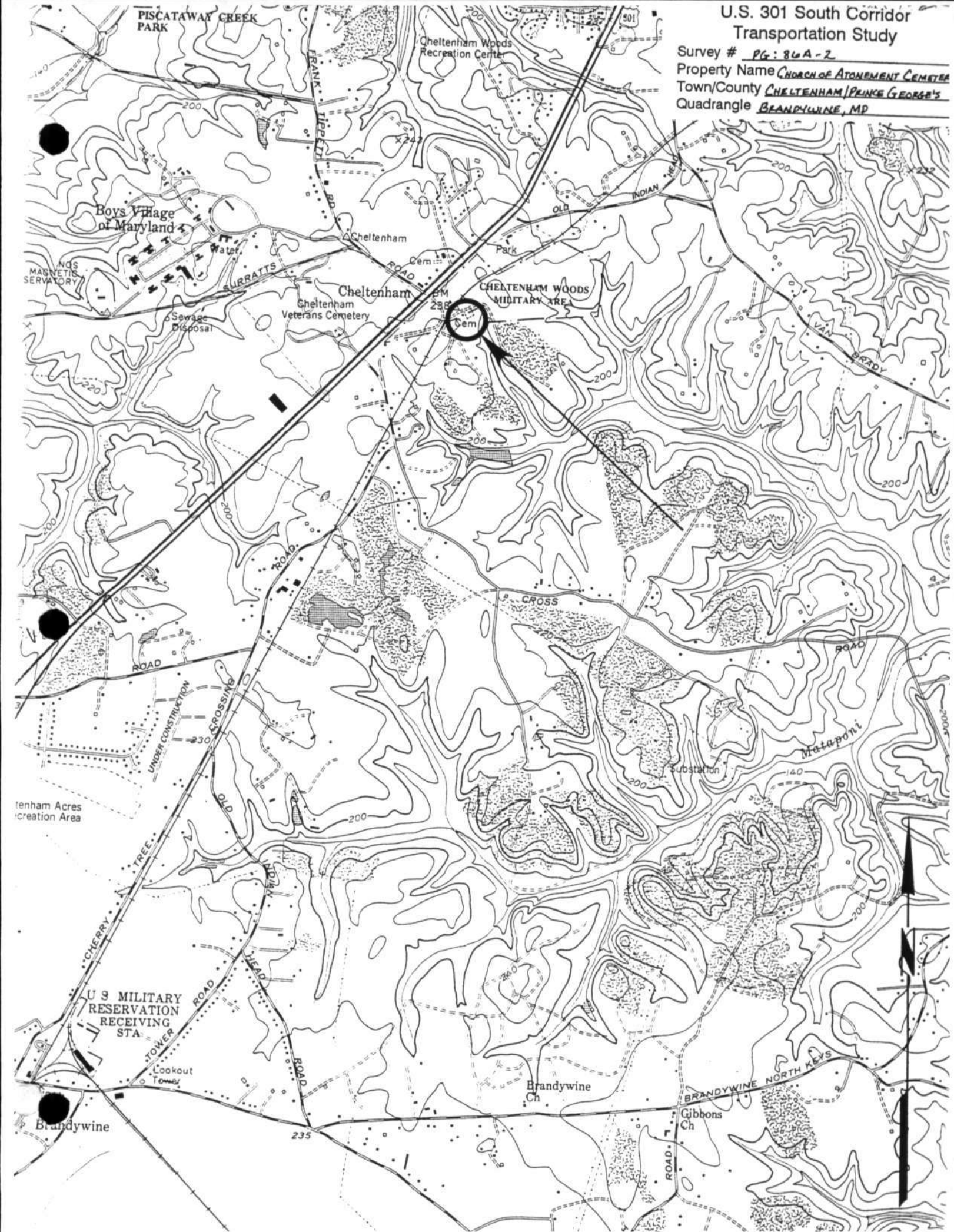
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Resource Sketch Map:



U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study

Survey # PG: 86A-2
Property Name CHURCH OF ATONEMENT CEMETERY
Town/County CHELTENHAM/PRINCE GEORGE'S
Quadrangle BRANDYWINE, MD





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CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT CEMETERY

PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

S. TAYLOR

11-98

MD SHPO

FOUNDATION + TRACKS, VIEW N

1/6



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CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT CEMETERY
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

S. TAYLOR

11-98

MD SHPO

FOUNDATION + HEADSTONES, VIEW S

2 / 6



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CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT CEMETERY

PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

S. TAYLOR

11-98

MD SHPO

HEADSTONES VIEW W

3/6



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CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT CEMETERY

PRINCE GEORGES Co., MD

SQ. TAYLOR

11-98

MD SHPO

OLDER HEADSTONES, VIEW N

4/6



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CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT CEMETERY
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

S. TAYLOR

U-98

MD SHPO

OLDER HEADSTONES, VIEW S

5/6



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CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT CEMETERY
PRINCE GEORGE'S Co., MD

S TAYLOR

11-98

MD SHPO

TOPPLED HEADSTONES, VIEW E

6/6

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Church of the Atonement-Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

RR Tracks at Cheltenham, South Crain Highway (U.S. Route 301)

CITY, TOWN

Cheltenham

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

___ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

☒ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

☒ ACCESSIBLE

___ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

(cemetery)

NAME

Vestry of St. Thomas Episcopal Church Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Croom

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #:

Folio #:

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☒ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This was the site of a chapel of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. Only the cemetery remains today. It is enclosed by a chain-link fence, and is somewhat overgrown. It sits within a few yards of the RR tracks, just east of Rte. 307.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was the site of an Episcopal Church built at Cheltenham Station along the Pope's Creek RR during the late-19th Century. Graveyard contains a number of inscribed tombstones.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

9/19/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

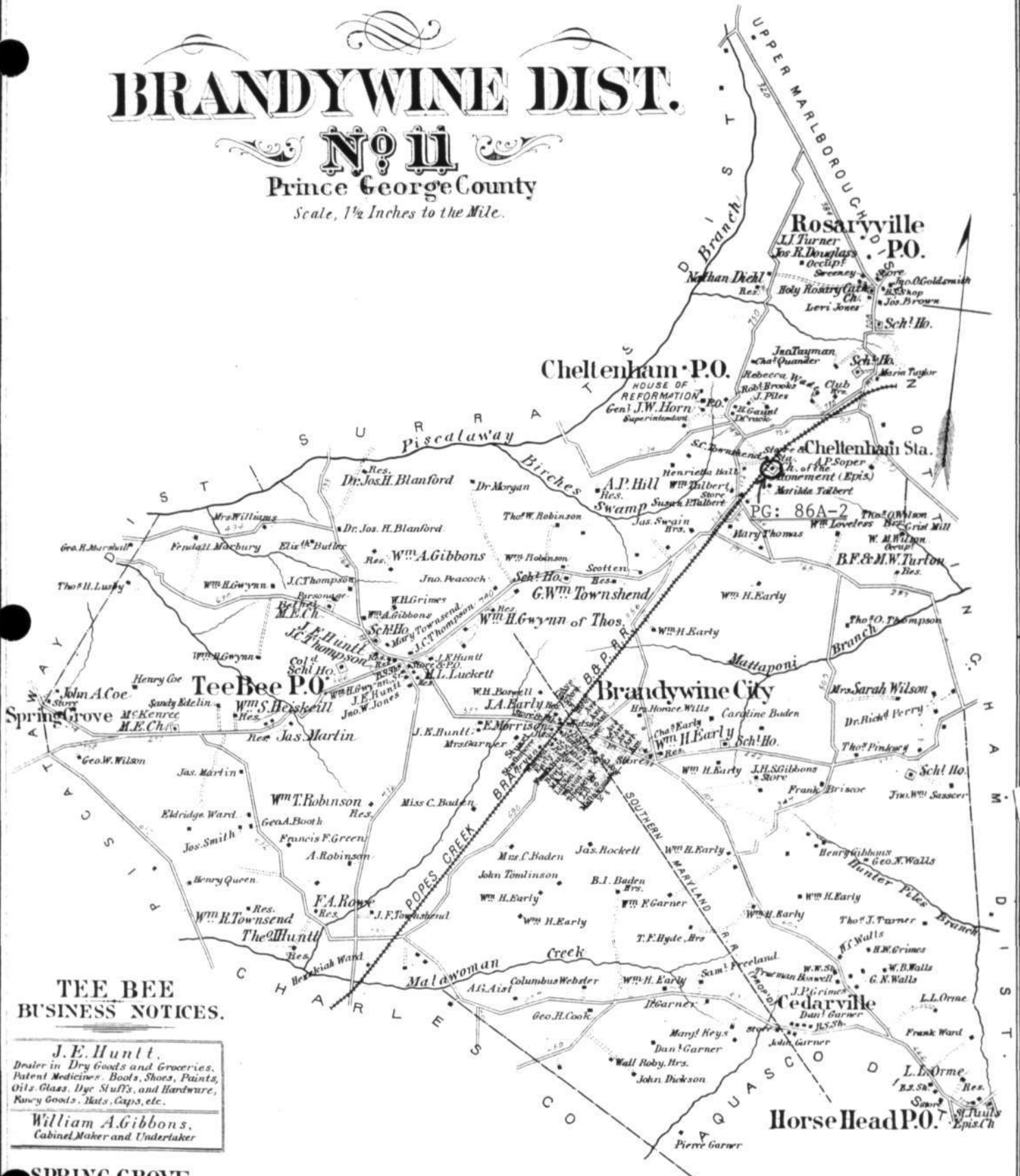
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

BRANDYWINE DIST.

No 11

Prince George County

Scale, 1 1/2 Inches to the Mile.



TEE BEE BUSINESS NOTICES.

J. E. Hunt.
Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries,
Patent Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Paints,
Oils, Glass, Dye Stuffs, and Hardware,
Rumy Goods, Hats, Caps, etc.

William A. Gibbons,
Cabinet Maker and Undertaker

SPRING GROVE

John A. Coe,
Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries and
General Country Produce.

Note: The figures on the Roads shows the distance in Rods
From junction to junction thereof.

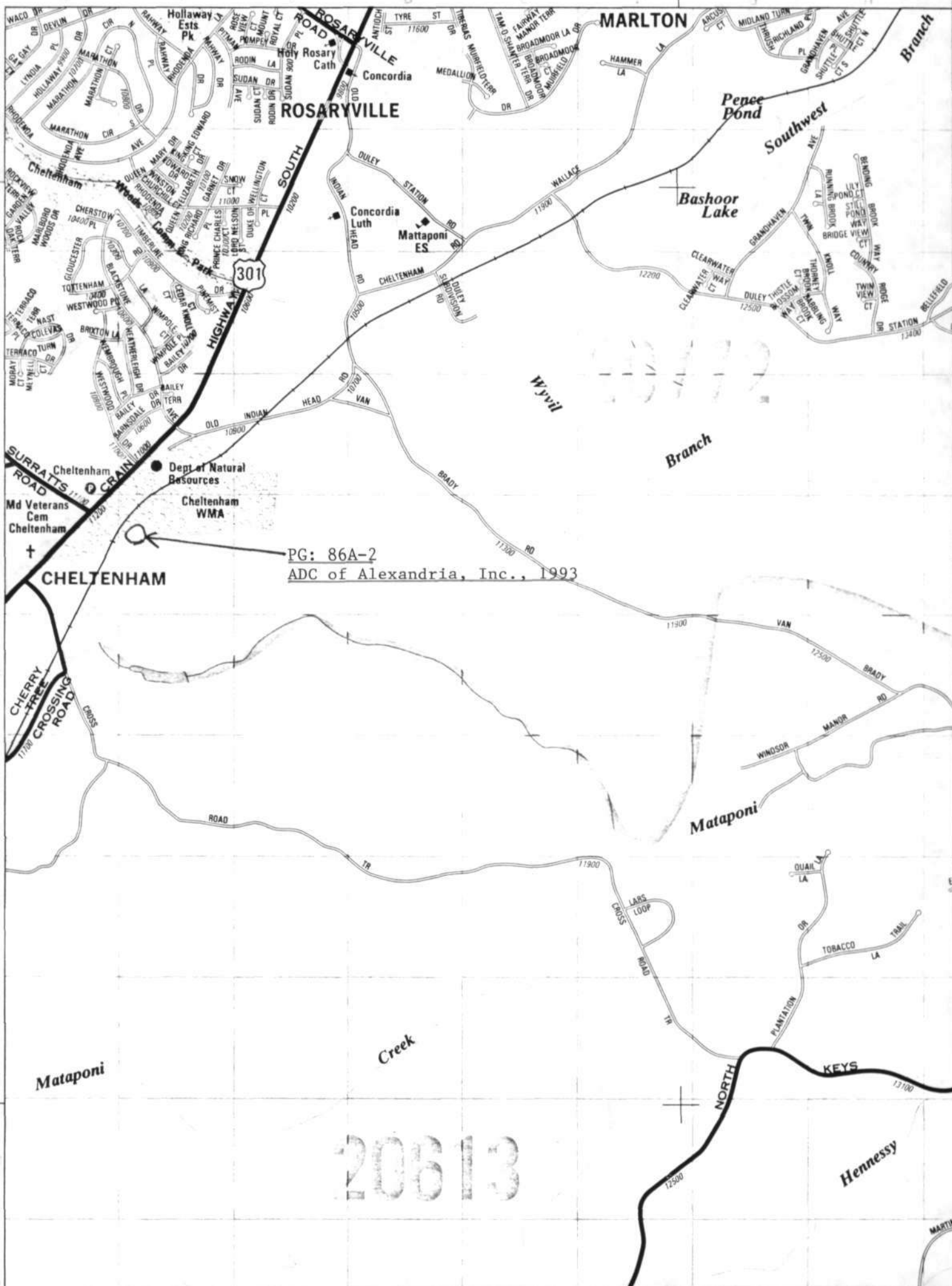


330,000 FT

Joins Map 32

MD GRID 320,000 FT

42°30'



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UPPER MARLBORO 6.4 MI 5661 IV SE
ROSARYVILLE 0.4 MI (UPPER MARLBORO)

